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**In re application: Ahrens et al.**

Serial No.: 09/779,365

Filed: February 8, 2001

**For: Cache Thresholding Method,  
Apparatus, and Program for  
Predictive Reporting of Array Bit  
Line or Driver Failures**

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Group Art Unit: 2113

**Examiner: McCarthy, Christopher S.**

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.**

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